

## Beavertail Hill State Park

### 2007 Summer Interpretive Series

### “The Character of Montana”

Beavertail Hill State Park is located 26 miles east of Missoula off I-90 at the Beavertail Hill exit.

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
June 15	8pm	<p><b><i>Mark Twain in Montana</i></b></p> <p>In the early 1860s, en route from St. Joseph, Missouri to Carson City, Nevada, Mark Twain met and had breakfast with the notorious Virginia City desperado Bad Jack Slade. Fortunately, Slade was sober at the time, and Twain survived the interview. Some three decades later on the third leg of his worldwide lecture tour, Twain stopped and lectured in five Montana cities. Independent scholar Michael Delaney presents a most amusing view of these historical events from Mark Twain’s unique perspective.</p>
June 22	8pm	<p><b><i>Major Charles Rawn, the Frontier Army and the Nez Perce War of 1877</i></b></p> <p>Time travel to 1884 as Major Charles C. Rawn, on his way to assume new staff duties with the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry in Texas, recalls frontier army life, the Native American situation in post-Civil War America, and the professional army’s ambivalence toward government policy regarding the Native Americans. As Captain, Rawn established Fort Missoula in 1877, was officer in charge at Fort Fizzle and participated in the Battle of the Big Hole during the Nez Perce War. Major Rawn will recount the roles of Chief Joseph and Chief Looking Glass in their conflict, flight, and battles with the U.S. Army, as well as the roles of Commanding General Oliver O. Howard and Colonel John Gibbon.</p>
June 29	8pm	<p><b><i>Mark Twain encore</i></b></p> <p>We’ll hear more from Mark Twain at this entertaining Chautauqua performance</p>
July 6	8pm	<p><b><i>The Mighty Railroad and the building of Montana</i></b></p> <p>The railroad played a major role in the development of the United States. Join railroad historian and enthusiast Bill Taylor as he shares stories of the railroad and it’s impact on the history of western Montana.</p>
July 13	8pm	<p><b><i>"In League With the Devil: Liver-Eatin' Johnston and Boone Helm"</i></b></p> <p>One was a cannibal by reputation and the other was a cannibal in fact. Johnston came to Montana at the end of the 1860s and worked as a wolfer and wood hawk before gaining an undeserved reputation as a man-eater after a skirmish with the Lakota on the upper Missouri. Thereafter he worked in a variety of jobs in Montana, most notably as a lawman in Red Lodge and Coulson. He also had a reputation as a slob Indian fighter, more willing to poison them or shoot them in the back than face them in head-to-head combat. Boone Helm had a long career as a western outlaw before coming to Montana Territory in 1862, part of which included killing and eating two men in Idaho and British Columbia. When in Montana, he joined Henry Plummerts road agent gang and helped terrorize Alder Gulch and Bannack mining camps until hanged in January 1864. Both men are inductee's into Montana's Hall of Shame.</p>

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
July 20	8pm	<p><b><i>"Dog Days and Horse Culture"</i></b></p> <p>Indian people of the Northern Plains are most often considered part of the American Indian Horse Culture, yet their history long precedes the modern horse. In storyteller fashion, Cheatham presents this history with maps, photos, and models (complete with replica equipment) to help audiences of all ages visualize the Northern Plains lifestyle before and after the horse.</p>
July 27	8pm	<p><b><i>Workers of the World Who Came to Butte</i></b></p> <p>Shift change in Butte was a shuffling rumble of thousands of men from Wales, Finland, Austria, Ireland, Croatia, Italy, China, Syria, Cornwall, every state in the US, and just about everywhere else. Butte was always open: Italian supper clubs in Meaderville, boarding houses in Finntown, the Columbia gardens, streetcars, the joints uptown, and everybody's kitchens. Tom Satterly, descendant of early Butte families, will take the audience to ethnic Butte in the "Roaring 20s" and "Dirty 30s" through this in-costume Chautauqua performance.</p>
August 3	8pm	<p><b><i>The miner's life in Butte</i></b></p> <p>Another Chautauqua performance about the life and times of the people who worked the mines of Butte, Montana.</p>
August 10	8pm	<p><b><i>Missoula's Murderous Madame: The Life and Crimes of Mary Gleim</i></b></p> <p>Mary "Mother" Gleim, the undisputed Queen of Missoula's red light district, ruled with an iron fist over the unlucky denizens of the Garden City's Demimonde from 1888 to 1900. Her busy savvy allowed her to amass a sizable fortune. Her volatile personality earned her many newspaper headlines and a stint in Deer Lodge for attempted murder!</p>
August 17	8pm	<p><b><i>37 Days of Peril: Truman Everts' Journey Across the Yellowstone Wilderness</i></b></p> <p>A series of tragedies unfolded in the American frontier wilderness in 1870, when Truman Everts became separated from the Washburn-Langford Expedition in the dense forest on the south shore of Yellowstone Lake. Thirty-seven days later two frontiersmen found him crawling through the snow near the northern boundary of what would become Yellowstone National Park. This chatauqua presentation tells Everts' story with members of the audience serving in the roles of various expedition members.</p>